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This is a request for a ☒ continuation or ☐ divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(d),
(continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application number 08/828,005, filed March 27, 1997,
entitled Absorbent Articles Having Removable Components.

NOTES

FILING QUALIFICATIONS: The prior application identified above must be a nonprovisional application that is either: (1) complete as defined by 37 CFR 1.51(b) and filed on or after June 8, 1995, or (2) the national stage of an international application in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371 and filed on or after June 8, 1995.

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EXPRESS ABANDONMENT OF PRIOR APPLICATION: The filing of the CPA is a request to expressly abandon the prior application as of the filing date of the request for a CPA. 37 CFR 1.53(b) must be used to file a continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part of an application that is not to be abandoned.

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1. ☐ Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on _____ under 37 CFR 1.116 in the prior nonprovisional application.

2. ☒ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.

3. This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 CFR 1.53(d)(4).

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b. ☐ The inventor(s) to be deleted are set forth on a separate sheet attached hereto.

4. ☐ A new power of attorney or authorization of agent (PTO/SB/81) is enclosed.

5. Information disclosure Statement (IDS) is enclosed.

a. ☐ PTO-1449

b. ☐ Copies of IDS Citations

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	TOTAL =				\$1732.00

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- a. ☐ A small entity statement is enclosed.
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Group Art Unit: 3735
Examiner: K. Reichle

Title: ABSORBENT ARTICLES HAVING REMOVABLE COMPONENTS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

The Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

This is a Preliminary Amendment in the continued prosecution of the above-identified application and is responsive to the Final Office Action dated August 24, 1998, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the accompanying amendments and remarks while reexamining the application.

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please amend the abstract as follows:

Please replace Line 3 with the following: backsheet of substantially fluid impervious

C1 material having at least one discontinuity therein and an absorbent core--

C2 Please replace Line 6 with the following at least one by an aperture created by the discontinuity in the backsheet. Once removed,

At Line 9, please replace "opening" with --aperture--.

C3 Please replace Line 10 with the following absorbent core is made up of several components, including at least a front panel, a